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October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

MEMO

To: Mr. Don R. Uelmen, WisDOT  
From: Philip H. Salkin, ACS, Inc.  
RE: Evapex Bridge, Park Falls, Wi.

Dear Mr. Uelmen:

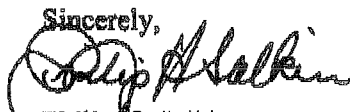
Attached is the Archaeological/Historical Review Worksheet for the replacement of the Evapex Bridge on the grounds of the Flambeau River Papers Company in Park Falls, Wisconsin. There is also a memo sent to Ms. Kristin Palecek.

As noted in the memo, in 1990, we had conducted a thorough investigation of the cultural resources in the vicinity of the bridge as part of our efforts in the FERC relicensing of the then Flambeau Paper Corporation facilities. This study updated the information available in 1990.

As noted on the form, there are no archaeological resources in, or near the project APE. The closest reported site may be about 1.2km away and it is not on the National Register of Historic Places. However, as the APE was somewhat broadly defined (1/4 mile), there are two historic properties present. These are the Flambeau Papers office building and the Park Falls Post Office. It is reasonable to state that neither of these properties, both several hundred meters to the northwest of the bridge, should be impacted by the replacement of a small, temporary bridge. The buildings should even be screened from visual impacts by the intervening pulp mill and paper machine rooms.

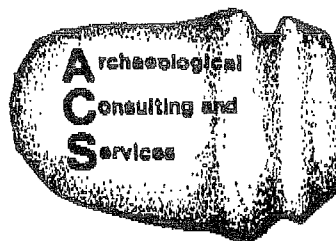
Please do not hesitate to inquire for additional information. We can provide a copy of the 1990 report, if needed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Philip H. Salkin  
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Ms. Kristin Palecek  
Flambeau River Papers  
P.O. Box 340  
Park Falls, Wisconsin 54552

Dear Ms. Palecek:

We have conducted a literature and records search on the cultural resources in the vicinity of the Evapex Bridge on the grounds of the Flambeau River Papers Company in Park Falls, Wisconsin. This was done to determine if any previously identified cultural resources might be impacted by the replacement of the temporary bridge over the Flambeau River. As indicated in the information provided, the bridge was erected in 1968. From the information provided, I understand that Area of Potential Effect for the project is ¼ mile from the center of the Evapex Bridge.

The cultural resources in the vicinity of the of Flambeau River Papers Company facilities were investigated in 1990 by Archaeological Consulting and Services, Inc. as a part of the relicensing effort for the Upper Dam and Hydroelectric Facility of what was then the Flambeau Paper Corp. facility in Park Falls, Wisconsin. In the 1990 report, the intensive literature and records indicated that there were no previously reported archaeological sites in, or near the vicinity of the Upper Dam and Hydroelectric Facility. An update was conducted and that indicated that again, there are still no sites on, or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The closest sites are 1.2km or more from the Evapex Bridge.

The 1990 literature and records search study indicated that only one Euro-American structure or building on, or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places would be within the APE for this project. This is the Flambeau Paper Company Office Building (200 N. First Ave.), entered on the Register in 1985. The bridge in question is not included within the boundaries defined for the Office Building property, but it is within several hundred meters to the northwest. After the investigation of the Flambeau Paper Corporation facilities, Mr. Gordon Orr concluded that the office building was the only building or structure associated with the Flambeau Paper Company complex that was eligible. It may be noted that a second property, the Park Falls Post Office (109 N. First Ave.) has since been added to the National Register. It is also several hundred meters northwest of the bridge. Fifty other properties in Park Falls are included in the Wisconsin Architectural Historical Inventory, but not on the National Register. It is difficult to see how the replacement of the bridge would have a significant impact on either of the properties on the National Register of Historic Places as they should be screened by the pulp mill and paper machine buildings which lie between.

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Thus, a review of the relevant records sources indicates that there are no previously identified properties on, or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places that would be impacted by the replacement of the 1968 temporary bridge. Please do not hesitate to inquire for additional information we may provide. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Philip A. Salkin

Pres.